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TO: Distribution**DATE:** February 4, 1994**FROM:** Mayada Logue**SUBJECT:** ASHRAE 62-1898 Revision *MJ*

The revision of ASHRAE 62-1989 is on a fast track. The timetable, as it was outlined by the Committee Chairman Gene Tucker in New Orleans last week, is as follows:

- Spring Meeting, ASHRAE Headquarters, Atlanta, April 29-May 1, 1994
Detailed review of selected sections and appendices
- Summer Meeting, Orlando, June 25-26, 1994
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- Fall Meeting, St. Louis, October 28-30, 1994
Review of entire draft
- Winter Meeting, Chicago, January 28-29, 1995
Completion of revised draft
- March 1995
Submit revised draft to ASHRAE Manager of Standards

In private discussions with John Zierer, he indicated that if the draft is not submitted to the ASHRAE Manager of Standards at the Winter 1995 Meeting, the revised draft could not possibly go out for public review before the ASHRAE Summer Meeting in 1995. John Zierer will urge Gene Tucker to have the revised draft completed by the 1995 Winter Meeting in order to move the process forward.

Tucker has proposed the use of default values for specific contaminants, a methodology similar to that of the EPA in implementing the "Clean Air Act". Tucker may successfully argue that if criteria levels can be established for outdoor air, they can be similarly established for indoor air. This path, if taken, may lead to decreased opposition from the ASHRAE staff and membership.

It is important that no one underestimate Tucker's resolve to get a very stringent new standard written and accepted by the full membership of ASHRAE. Tucker has allies within ASHRAE and among those in the filtration industry who would benefit from a stringent source containment standard. Tucker may envision himself becoming Director of the entire Indoor Air Division because of his newly obtained expertise--especially if he is successful in modeling the revised standard on the "Clean Air Act".

Although some committee members have expressed skepticism at Tucker's approach to the revision, their reservations are minimal. Tucker has been very successful at reducing members' objections by assuring them that their concerns would be addressed. To date, however, this has not happened.

The "bad" economy has had a major impact on ASHRAE membership and funding. It should be noted that EPA has taken an increasingly more active role in ASHRAE both through increased EPA membership and research funding.

There has been a lack of involvement in the revision process by design engineers. This may be a result of budget constraints for many self-employed engineers. If one reviews the

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list of public attendance at the committee meetings, it is clear that most of those present represent consulting firms, HVAC manufacturers and companies which will be affected, positively or adversely, by the direction in which this revision process is proceeding.

Two members were due to rotate off the ASHRAE-62 Committee in 1993: Bjarne Olesen and Arthur Wheeler. Both were asked to serve for an additional term by Tucker. Three members are due to rotate off the ASHRAE-62 Committee this year:

Hal Levin, Hal Levin & Associates; Michael Mamayeck, Illingworth Corporation; and Steve Taylor, McKenney's Inc. Several ASHRAE members from RJR have applied for membership on the committee and both Dan Hirnikel and I applied for membership in April 1992. None was selected.

Proposed Action Plan:

I suggest a task force be formed to address developments concerning the revision of this standard with the following actions to be taken immediately:

- All those who applied and were denied membership on the Committee should reapply. I also recommend that we ask ASHRAE members from our other operating companies to apply for membership. As an owner and building manager of many facilities, we are affected by any new guidelines enacted by this organization;
- ASHRAE members within our company should respond to some of the proposed revisions. According to ASHRAE policy, once the revision is sent out for public comment, the revision committee must respond to each comment.

I will be meeting with Bill Apple and Dan Hirnikle in Richmond, February 15, to review the comments we will submit to Tucker prior to the Atlanta Meeting. If you have any comments, or wish to participate in this meeting, please call me.

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